



The official interpretive schedule of
Glacier National Park

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The Glacier Explorer

Programs and Activities for June 27 -July 10, 2004

Join Us!

This guide lists a variety of ranger-led programs, from easy walks and evening talks, to all-day hikes and boat tours. Information for other programs and activities, including field classes and special Native American events, can also be found in this guide.

The Tonight Show - Glacier National Park style

It's likely that you spend a late night or two at home in front of the television watching Jay or Dave. You probably can't tune in tonight, but you could use your time at Glacier to join a ranger for one of the many evening programs offered throughout the park.

Just like Leno and Letterman, you will find park rangers putting on nightly programs that are informative, entertaining, and, well, provocative. Slide shows are featured at the St. Mary Visitor Center, Many Glacier Hotel, Lake McDonald Lodge, and Fish Creek Campground.

You will find traditional campfire talks at various campgrounds including Apgar, Avalanche, Two Medicine, Rising Sun, and Many Glacier. Each night features a different program and a different perspective on the features of Glacier National Park.

So, turn off the tube and join us for an evening of entertainment, interesting stories, and some thought provoking ideas about why Glacier might be something more important than you thought. Programs are free and you don't have to stand in line for a ticket!

Junior Rangers

Families with children may take advantage of our Junior Ranger Program. Children between the ages of six and twelve can become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a copy of the Junior Ranger Newspaper at a visitor center. Inside you will find seven activities that will introduce you to the variety of habitats found in the park. Complete five of the activities and bring your completed form back to a visitor center to receive your Junior Ranger Badge, and become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger.

Glacier Natural History Association

Glacier's Native American programs and free publications are made possible with the generous financial support of the Glacier Natural History Association. Bookstores in park visitor centers are operated by the Association.

This nonprofit organization works with the National Park Service to assist with educational and interpretive activities, cultural preservation, and special projects. A percentage of proceeds from book sales are donated to the park each year. Association bookstores are located at: Apgar, Logan Pass, and St. Mary Visitor Centers, Polebridge, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Goat Haunt Ranger Stations, the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center, and the West Glacier Depot. For more information, contact:

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P.O. Box 310
West Glacier, MT 59936
Phone 406-888-5756
<http://www.glacierassociation.org>
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The Glacier Institute "Learning Gone Wild!"

The Glacier Institute provides innovative outdoor education programs within and around Glacier National Park. The following field courses are offered between June 27 to July 10, 2004:

The "Uncommon" Loons June 28 & 29
Wolves of the North Fork Valley June 28 & 29
Ancient Forests: Ecology of Glacier's Old Growth July 5 & 6
Nature of Fire July 6
A Century of Fire History: From a Fire Lookout's View ... July 7 & 8
Nature's Healers: Wild Medicinal Herbs July 8
Blackfeet Culture and Tradition July 8
A Journey through the McDonald Watershed July 9 & 10

Glacier Learning & Lodging Adventure Programs:

Many Glacier Hotel Glacier's Grizzlies Fridays
Glacier's Geology Saturdays
Glacier Park Lodge Native American Culture Fridays
Glacier's Grizzlies Saturdays
Lake McDonald Lodge Predators & Prey Tuesdays
Glacier's Grizzlies Thursdays

For more information on times and locations of courses, contact:
The Glacier Institute | P.O. Box 1887 | Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-1211 | www.glacierinstitute.org

Boat Cruise and Hike

Glacier Park Boat Co. offers narrated scenic boat cruises at Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, Rising Sun, and Two Medicine. In addition to the National Park Service-led hikes listed inside, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks at Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Rising Sun.

Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, followed by an optional, easy 2 mile, round-trip walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.
Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays 2:00pm

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike

This 2 1/4 hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock.
Daily 1:00pm & 3:00pm

St. Mary Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock for a cruise of St. Mary Lake and an optional 3 mile round-trip hike to St. Mary Falls.
Mondays & Fridays 9:00am

Proud Partners

Some of the park's interpretive programs and publications have been enhanced by a generous donation of photographic supplies from Kodak, one of the Proud Partners of America's National Parks.

Staying Connected

Looking for additional information, or a way to stay connected with Glacier National Park after your visit? Wanting to relive your experiences in Glacier once you are back home? Please visit our Web site at: www.nps.gov/glac/home.htm



Discovering in the forest



Boat cruise in Many Glacier





















The Sinopah, on Two Medicine Lake



Kodak



Lake McDonald														
	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tues 6/29	Wed 6/30	Thur 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tues 7/6	Wed 7/7	Thur 7/8	Fri 7/9	Sat 7/10
 Ride and Stride Bus Tour & Hike  Join us for this combination historic Red Bus ride and alpine hike. Discover the role historic transportation routes played in providing visitors access to the interior of the park, then hike one of the famous park trails. Reservations required along with fee for Red Bus ride. Contact Apgar Visitor Center for details and hike location. Visitors with a fear of heights may experience difficulty on some sections of the trail. Inquire for details. Approximately 4 miles (6.4km) - 6 hours	8:30am		8:30am		8:30am		8:30am	8:30am		8:30am		8:30am		8:30am
 Fire in Glacier Walk Explore the Robert Fire of 2003 and discover the vital role wild land fire plays in the Crown of the Continent ecosystem. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground amphitheater parking lot (2 nd right turn inside the Fish Creek Campground). 2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am
 Lower McDonald Creek Stroll Join us for a casual stroll through the forest and along lower McDonald Creek to discover why Glacier National Park is world famous for its biological diversity. Meet at the picnic tables behind the Apgar Visitor Center. 1.5 miles (2.4km) - 1 ½ hours		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am			9:00am		9:00am		9:00am	
 Nurturing Native Plants Join the staff of the Native Plant Nursery for this look at how plants are grown for use in revegetation projects. Meet at the front steps of park headquarters. 1 ½ hours			10:00am							10:00am				
 Discovery Cabin  Participate in educational and fun hands-on activities at our Discovery Cabin. Interpretive staff will be on duty to help with a variety of learning stations about bears, wolves, mountain lions, birds, geology and much more. Stop at the Apgar Visitor Center for directions to the cabin.	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm to 2:00pm
 Sacred Dancing Cascades Walk Amazing old growth forests of cedar and hemlock, tranquil John’s Lake, and the rushing waters of upper McDonald Creek highlight this moderately easy walk. Meet at the bridge on the Lake McDonald Ranger Station Road (first left 1.2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge). 2.5 miles (4km) - 2 ¼ hours	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm
 Fire Cycle Walk Witness the ever-changing ecosystem that fire supports in the Northern Rockies. We will explore the succession brought about by the 2001 Moose Fire. Meet at the Forests and Fire Nature Trail (Huckleberry Nature Trail) parking lot, just outside the entrance station on the Camas Road. 1 mile (1.6km) - 1 ½ hours		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm			1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	
 Lake McDonald Launch Tours Cruise the waters of Lake McDonald and experience a segment of Glacier’s history from a unique perspective aboard the historic <i>DeSmet</i> . Meet at the dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. Arrive 15 minutes early to pay the fee charged for the boat trip. 1 hour	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm
 Apgar Campground Ranger Talk  Join us at the Apgar Campground Amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier’s natural and cultural history. Bring the family and your questions for an interesting look at this incredible place. 45 minutes	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm	
 Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk  Meet at the Avalanche Campground Amphitheater for a traditional ranger talk on topics of interest to park visitors. 45 minutes			8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm			8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm
 Fish Creek Campground Evening Program  Sit back, relax and discover Glacier through these illustrated slide programs. Park Rangers will cover topics ranging from bears to birds, history to seasonal changes and more. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater. 45 minutes	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
 Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program  Meet in the Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for this evening slide program on the wonders of Glacier National Park. All park visitors are welcome to attend these free programs. 45 minutes	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm

What To Bring Hiking

- Foot Gear** - Everyone should have sturdy foot gear. A good boot, with strong support, will help prevent ankle injuries.

Water - Bring water with you! The mountains can get very hot in the summer. Surface water in the park may be unsafe to drink unless it is treated to remove bacteria.

Mosquito Repellent - Mosquitos and flies can be bothersome. Come prepared to meet some of Glacier’s smaller wildlife species.

Sun Screen and a Hat - A day of hiking can expose you to more sun and UV rays than normal. Wear a hat. It will help keep you cool and you won’t get a painful sunburn.

Rain Gear - Weather can change quickly. Come prepared for summer showers.

Food and Snacks - Bring something to eat while you are in the backcountry. If you are on an all-day hike or a hike over the noon hour, you’ll get mighty hungry without lunch. Remember, if you pack it in, pack it out.

Children - Children are welcome on interpretive activities, but should always be accompanied by an adult.

Enthusiasm and a Spirit of Adventure - Glacier’s rangers and concessioners will be guiding you to some incredible places. Come prepared to have a great time!

St. Mary

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St. Mary Lake and Wild Goose Island













Arrowleaf Balsamroot



View from Dawson Pass

Two Medicine

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Many Glacier														
	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tues 6/29	Wed 6/30	Thur 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tues 7/6	Wed 7/7	Thur 7/8	Fri 7/9	Sat 7/10
 Iceberg Lake Hike This moderately strenuous hike through flowered meadows and subalpine forests climbs 1200’ to beautiful Iceberg Lake. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. There may be lingering snow on the trail. 10 miles (16km) - 7 hours	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
 Grinnell Lake Boat Trip and Hike  Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an easy optional walk to Grinnell Lake. A fee is charged for the boat. Please purchase boat tickets early if possible. 2.5 miles (4km) - 3½ hours	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am
 Ranger’s Choice Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch to join a hike to a spectacular destination in the area. Due to early season trail conditions, the location of this hike will not be determined until 3:00pm. the day before. Check at the Many Glacier Ranger Station or at the Many Glacier evening programs for details. Approximately 6 to 8 miles (9.6 to 12.8km) - 4 to 6 hours	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm
 Red Rock Falls Hike Take advantage of a great opportunity to view the changing display of wildflowers and often-present wild-life. Meet at the Swifcurrent Motor Inn porch for this easy hike to Red Rock Falls. 3.5 miles (5.6km) - 3½ hours		2:00pm				2:00pm	2:00pm		2:00pm				2:00pm	2:00pm
 Historic Hotel Tour Join an interpreter for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its illustrious history and current restoration. There will be ample time for comments and questions. Meet in the main lobby of the hotel. Some walking and stairs. - 1 hour	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
 Outdoor Campground Program  Join an interpreter at the Many Glacier Camp-ground outdoor amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier’s varied and outstanding features. On Tuesday evenings special presenters from the Native America Speaks program will speak. 45 minutes	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
 Lucerne Room Evening Program  Sit back and enjoy a slide-illustrated tour of one of the facets of Glacier National Park. These 45-minute programs are presented by interpreters downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel. On Fridays a Heritage Interpreter from Waterton Lakes National Park will speak. All visitors are invited. 45 minutes	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm

Special Programs

Native Reflections
Award-winning performing artist, and Blackfeet tribal member, Jack Gladstone presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage.

Lake McDonald Lodge July 2 - 8:30pm

Native America Speaks
Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs.

Many Glacier Campground Tues. 8:00pm
Two Medicine Campground ... Weds. 8:00pm
Rising Sun Campground Thurs. 8:00pm
Lake McDonald Lodge July 3, 4 - 8:30pm
Apgar Campground July 5 - 8:00pm

Blackfeet Drumming & Dancing
Join tribal member and narrator Joe McKay as he provides insight into contemporary and traditional Blackfeet history and culture. Members of the Ray Croff dance troupe demonstrate fancy, jingle, traditional, and grass dances. There is an opportunity for visitors to join in a Round Dance at the conclusion of the program.

St. Mary Visitor Center Weds. 7:30pm

More information
For more information on these special programs, please speak with a ranger at any of the visitor centers in the park.

Visiting Logan Pass


Services
The Logan Pass Visitor Center is open daily. Rangers on duty will be happy to provide information and assistance. Books, tapes, and film are available for purchase. Phones, food, and fuel are not available. Plan on bringing all needed supplies with you when visiting.

Parking
Frequently, the parking lot at Logan Pass fills beyond capacity, forcing visitors to drive on without stopping. Expect parking difficulties between 11:00am and 3:00pm. To avoid crowds, plan on visiting Logan Pass early in the day or late in the afternoon.

Transportation
The Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle and guided tour buses stop at Logan Pass. They provide a valuable service to those with oversized vehicles and help reduce traffic on the road.

Tours can be arranged by contacting:
Sun Tours
(406)226-9220 (tours)

Glacier Park Inc.
(406)892-2525 (tours and shuttle service)



Tepees at the Logan Pass Dedication, 1933



Alpine Meadows at Logan Pass




Mt. Gould and Swiftcurrent Lake

Goat Haunt & Waterton

International Peace Park Hike
Join both U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada staff on this exploration of the world’s first International Peace Park. Hike across the international boundary from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return via boat. Meet at the Bertha Trailhead in Waterton Townsite. There is a charge for the return boat trip and you should make reservations before starting the hike. Bring proper identification for the border crossing. Each hike is limited to 35 people, so you must pre-register at either the St Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes; open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes).
8.7 miles (14km) - 7 hours.

Evening Slide Program
A U.S. National Park Service ranger will help you explore the bonds of peace and friendship between the people of the United States and Canada as symbolized in Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The program is offered on Friday evenings at 8:30pm, in the Falls Theatre in Waterton Townsite, located on Evergreen Avenue.



Mt. Vaught and Lake McDonald